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Maryland small grain acreage up, other crop acreages unchanged or down.

The 2013 March Agricultural Survey results were released today by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The survey collects data on farmers' prospective plantings for the upcoming 2013 crop year. Farmers in Maryland and Delaware intend to plant the same amount of soybeans in 2013 than they did in 2012. Corn acreage in Maryland is down 5 percent from 2012 while Delaware corn acreage is down 3 percent. Wheat and barley acres in Maryland are up 20,000 and 5,000 acres respectively from 2012 while acreages are down 5,000 for both crops in Delaware.

Maryland: Maryland grain producers report that they will plant 470,000 acres of **corn** this year, down 25,000 acres from 495,000 acres planted in 2012. Producers plan to plant 480,000 acres of **soybeans**, unchanged from 2012. In addition, producers reported planting 330,000 acres of **winter wheat** last fall, up 20,000 acres or 6 percent from the 310,000 acres in 2012. **Barley** planted acreage is up 5,000 acres or 8 percent from 2012 to 65,000 acres. Producers also expect to harvest **hay** from 200,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from 2012.

Delaware: Grain producers in Delaware are expected to plant 180,000 acres of **corn** in 2013, down 5,000 acres from 2012. Producers also plan to plant an estimated 170,000 acres of **soybeans** in 2013, unchanged from last year. An estimated 80,000 acres of **winter wheat** was planted for the 2013 crop year, down 5,000 acres from the 85,000 acres planted for 2012. **Barley** planted for 2013 at 33,000 acres is also down 5,000 acres from 2012. **Hay** acres intended for harvest in 2013 in Delaware at 18,000 acres is up 2,000 acres from 2012.

United States: **Corn** growers intend to plant 97.3 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2013, up slightly from last year. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 1936 when an estimated 102 million acres were planted.

Soybean planted area for 2013 is estimated at 77.1 million acres, down slightly from last year but the fourth highest on record, if realized. Compared with 2012, planted area is down across the Great Plains with the exception of North Dakota. Nebraska and Minnesota are expecting the largest declines compared with last year, while Illinois and North Dakota are expecting the largest increases.

All wheat planted area for 2013 is estimated at 56.4 million acres, up 1 percent from 2012. The 2013 winter wheat planted area, at 42.0 million acres, is 2 percent above last year and up slightly from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 28.9 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 9.67 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.39 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2013 is expected to total 12.7 million acres, up 3 percent from 2012. Of this total, about 12.1 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The intended Durum planted area for 2013 is estimated at 1.75 million acres, down 18 percent from the previous year.

Barley planted acreage at 3.6 million acres in virtually unchanged from the 2012 acreage.

ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION 2012 AND 2013

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013

MarylandThousands

Corn	AC	495	470	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	435	----	122	----	53,070	----
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	55	----	19	----	1,045	----
Soybeans	BU	480	480	475	----	47	----	22,325	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	310	330	210	----	68	----	14,280	----
Barley	BU	60	65	40	----	82	----	3,280	----
Hay, All	TON	----	----	205	200	2.51	----	514	----

Delaware

Corn	AC	185	180	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	178	----	135	----	24,030	----
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	5	----	17	----	85	----
Soybeans	BU	170	170	168	----	42.5	----	7,140	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	85	80	80	----	74	----	5,920	----
Barley	BU	38	33	34	----	84	----	2,856	----
Hay, All	TON	----	----	16	18	2.63	----	42	----

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Corn	AC	97,155	97,282	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	87,375	----	123	----	10,780	----
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	7,379	----	15	----	113	----
Soybeans	BU	77,198	77,126	776,104	----	40	----	3,015	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	55,736	56,440	34,834	----	47	----	1,645	----
Barley	BU	3,637	3,634	2,239	----	68	----	220	----
All Hay	TON	----	----	56,260	56,419	2.13	----	120	----